

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 and 62-67 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 39-61 were previously cancelled. Claims 1-38 and 62-67 were rejected. With this Claims 13-67 were cancelled, Claims 68-99 were added. Accordingly, claims 1-38 and 62-67 remain at issue in the above-identified application.

I. Objection to Claims

Claims 14-17, 19, 21, 23-24, 28-31, 33, 35, and 37-38 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. In response, Applicant has rewritten the claims as new claims, as recommended by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-8, 11, 13-20, 23, 25-34, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yang (U.S. Patent No. 6,280,553). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 9-10, 21-22, and 35-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yang (U.S. Patent No. 6,280,553) in view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 5,021,275). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The present invention relates generally to a decal sheet, and more specifically to a decal sheet having an image of the decal under the decal itself. Images appear on various surfaces. For example, on photographs, greeting cards, baseball cards, pamphlets, etc. The images that appear on these items are affixed onto the surfaces of these items so that the ability to transfer the image onto another surface is not possible. Using stickers, or decals, one can transfer images onto different surfaces. However, once these stickers or decals are removed, the images that are

on these stickers or decals no longer exist on the original item from which the sticker or decal was removed from. The Applicant has discovered that by placing an image on a surface and another image on a base layer, wherein both images are identical to each other and where both images coincide, then, it is possible to remove the base layer and place the base layer on another surface, while maintaining the image that is on the original item.

Claim 1 recites a decal sheet comprising an image on a surface, wherein the image has a shape, release paper on the surface over the image, an adhesive layer on the release paper, wherein the adhesive layer is formed in a shape similar to the image shape, a base layer on the adhesive layer, *wherein the base layer is formed in a shape similar to the image shape, and another image on the base layer, wherein the other image is identical to the image and wherein the image and the other image coincide.*

Yang teaches a method of producing ornamental hologram stickers. The method includes spreading a releasing agent by screen printing onto a paper or paper like base 10 to form a releasing layer 11 using wax, silicon, polytetrafluoroethylene or any suitable medium. The adhesive is printed on the base 10 in the different design figures or image to form an adhesive layer 12. An acrylic resin in the same size and shape of the figures or images is screen printed on the adhesive layer 12 to form a base plate layer 13 (See *Yang*, column 2, lines 7-62). *Yang* does not teach or disclose a decal sheet comprising an image on a surface, wherein the image has a shape, and release paper on the surface *over* the image. As seen in Fig. 2 of *Yang*, the only thing that the releasing layer 11 is over paper 10 and not any sort of image.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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